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Again, we congratulate the 2011 winners of the Sloan Award and encourage their community leaders to recognize these best practices.●

#### BICENTENNIAL OF THE WAR OF 1812

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the bicentennial of the beginning of the War of 1812, on June 18, 2012, in the RECORD.

President James Madison signed a declaration of war against Great Britain on June 18, 1812. The sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens, and their families who fought in the War of 1812 further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution. These sacrifices include heroic efforts by Dolley Madison to save some of our national treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British on August 24, 1814. The conflict and bravery shown during this conflict would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, and this would later become our country's national anthem, known as the "Star Spangled Banner."

The War of 1812 further solidified the independence of the United States from Great Britain, and the Treaty of Ghent was signed on December 24, 1814, to end the War of 1812. Many Georgia residents can trace their lineages back to these patriotic early settlers.

Descendants of the veterans of the War of 1812 chartered the Georgia State Society within the General Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 on June 18, 1901, to promote a general awareness of the history of the War of 1812 among the citizens of Georgia and

the Nation. As we observe the bicentennial of the War of 1812, I urge all citizens to become more knowledgeable of the role the War of 1812 played in the history of our great Nation and the State of Georgia.●

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to my alma mater, the University of South Dakota, on their 150th anniversary. Throughout its history, USD has been a shining example of excellence in education, research, and service. USD consistently produces extraordinary graduates, prepared for the complex challenges of modern-day society.

Founded in 1862 in Vermillion, USD has the distinction of being South Dakota's oldest university. Since its founding, the campus has grown from one building to 63, serving a student population of nearly 10,000. USD offers a complete range of undergraduate and graduate programs of study, as well as the only schools of law and medicine in South Dakota. Students are well-served by USD's liberal arts tradition, which encourages interdisciplinary study. This produces adaptable, well-rounded graduates, prepared for the ever-changing world.

USD students have been awarded some of the most prestigious honors in academia including Rhodes, Fulbright, Truman, Udall, and Goldwater Scholarships. Graduate and undergraduate students frequently collaborate one-on-one with USD's dedicated faculty to conduct research. This high degree of collaboration is enabled by the university's 15-1 student-faculty ratio.

Athletics are an important part of university life, and USD is no exception. The iconic DakotaDome is the cornerstone of USD Coyote athletics. This multipurpose 145,000 square foot structure has brought fans and athletes together for more than 30 years. The Coyotes have made the jump to division I, bringing increased exposure and a higher level of competition to the athletic program.

It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to honor the University of South Dakota for 150 years of academic success. USD is a family tradition; it is where I met my wife, Barbara, and when it was time for our three children to attend college they all chose USD. The world-class education I received at USD gave me skills and knowledge that serve me well to this today. I congratulate my good friend, President Jim Abbott, and the entire USD community on this milestone in the rich history of the university. As an alumnus, I would be remiss if I didn't close my statement with, "Go Yotes!"●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL ROSARIANS

● Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 100-year

anniversary of the founding of the Royal Rosarians. The Royal Rosarians serve as Portland's official greeters and ambassadors by charter from the mayor's office. They also serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the Portland Rose Festival.

For the last century, the Royal Rosarians have represented the city of Portland at events around the world. They have planted roses in Buckingham Palace and knighted mayors of major international cities. Founded by Portland business and civic leaders, their official dress is white suits and straw hats, same as it was 100 years ago.

To Prime Minister Robert H. Hungerford and all Rosarians, past and present, thank you for your service to the city of Portland. You continue a proud tradition.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5743. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5854. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5743. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5854. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):